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INVESTIGATIVE CELL TO MONITOR IMPORTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up a permanent investigative cell with in the Directorate General of Foreign Trade to monitor surge in imports of sensitive items; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government has not set up any permanent investigative cell in the DGFT. However, there is an Inter-Ministerial Standing Group that monitor the imports of about 300 items identified as sensitive. Every month the data as received from DGCI & S is analyzed and a Press Note is issued which is also made available on the Internet at http://www.nic.in/eximpol.